SHIN

THE DECISIVE BATTLE IS UPON US.

MISSION 4

I AM SPEAK LIKE A PROPER LADY, MISTER SIR!

TEN-HUT

POLITE MANNER OF SPEECH?

PERSONAL APPEAR-ANCE?

SHUP

CHECK!

PER-SONAL EFFECTS ?

CHECK!

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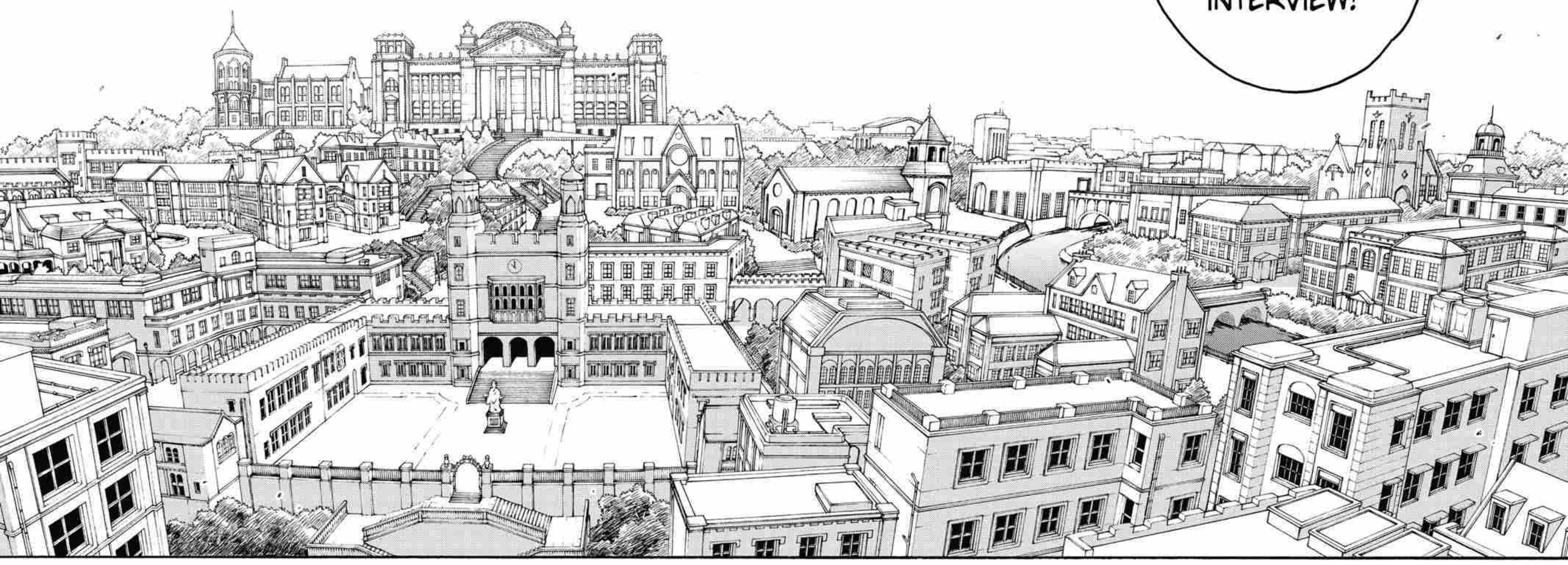
I CERTAINLY DON'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT THIS, BUT I'VE DONE ALL THAT I CAN.

THEN ONWARD ...

MISSION 4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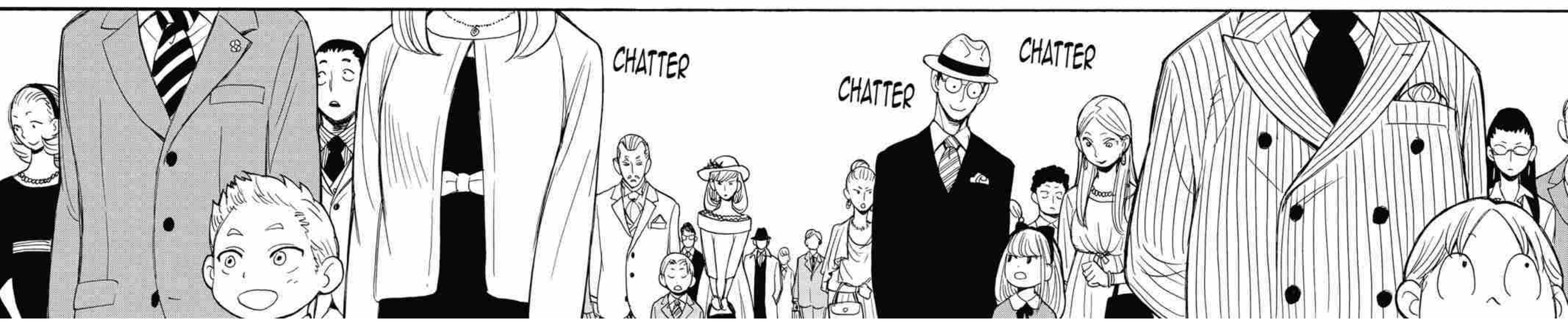
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Wow! Look at this!

Haven't we practiced enough?

Let's rehearse this one more time.

Hurry up!

EACH OF THEM IS FIGHTING FOR ANYA'S SLOT.

I NEVER IMAGINED THERE'D BE SO MANY APPLICANTS!

IT IS THE TOP SCHOOL IN THE NATION, AFTER ALL.

IT'S HUGE!

I'M OKAY, MISTER SIR!

HOW ARE YOU, ANYA? IS THE CROWD AFFECTING YOU?

TMP

THEN LET'S JOIN THEM.

RUMBLE

THIS SENSA-TION...

I KNOW IT WELL. THERE'S NO MIS-TAKING IT.

JOLT

HM?!

R M

SOME-ONE'S WATCHING US!

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M

NO, THAT'S NOT IT. WE'RE NOT THE ONLY TARGETS.

IS SOMEONE WATCHING US?

ENEMY ?!

COULD THERE BE AN ENEMY SOMEWHERE IN THE CROWD?

IT'S A HARSHER GAZE THAN THAT. THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.

WHOEVER IT IS ISN'T JUST OBSERVING THE APPLICANTS OUT OF MERE CURIOSITY.

THERE.

GONE

...I SUSPECT THEY'RE AMATEURS.

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SPYING...

MR

FOUR IN THE SKYWALK.

M

EVEN MORE IN THE BUILDINGS ON EITHER SIDE...

THREE IN THE BELL TOWER.

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M

THAT MAN THERE...

I'VE MEMORIZED THE FILES OF VIRTUALLY EVERY MEMBER OF THE FACULTY.

PEN AND NOTE-BOOK IN HAND...

A MAN BESIDE HIM WITH A WIRE-LESS RADIO...!

HE'S ON THE TEACHING STAFF.

AND THE INTENSITY OF THOSE GAZES (...

IT ALL ADDS UP.

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THE SELECTION PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

THEY'RE OBSERV-ING AND EVALUAT-ING EVERY MOVE WE MAKE...

...TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHICH OF US ARE TRULY EDEN ACADEMY MATERIAL.

OH ...?

BOTH OF YOU, STAY ON YOUR TOES. THE INTER-VIEWERS ARE WATCHING US.

DO IT JUST LIKE WE PRACTICED.

C-FD

C-FD

P-FX

THMP

G-114: PASS.

THMP

A-12: FAIL.

THMP

D-68: FAIL.

THMP

I DOUBT ONE OF THEM COULD EVEN SPELL THE WORD "ELEGANCE."

CLOMP

MY, THIS YEAR'S APPLICANTS ARE A SLOVENLY BUNCH.

THERE IS NOTHING "FINE" ABOUT WATCHING THESE VULGARIANS DEFILE THE HALLOWED GROUNDS OF EDEN ACADEMY.

A FINE MORNING TO YOU, HOUSEMASTER.

ELEGANCE IS WHAT WILL BRING ABOUT A BETTER WORLD.

ELEGANCE IS AT THE ROOT OF TRADITION.

YOU ARE TO DISCERN AND REJECT THE ILL-BRED.

YES, SIR!

HM?

TMP

TMP

GLINT

COULD THERE BE A SCINTILLA OF ELEGANCE AMONG THEM AFTER ALL?

WHAT'S THIS...?

SPARKS

THEY'RE SALUTING THE STATUE OF OUR FOUNDER!

SHUP

BY JOVE!

I CAN BE EXACTLY WHO YOU WANT ME TO BE. I DO IT EVERY DAY.

See?

I respect tradition.

I AM TWILIGHT, MASTER OF A THOUSAND FACES.

BALD GUY...

BUT IF I FOLLOW LOID'S LEAD, EVERY-THING WILL WORK OUT, RIGHT?

I HAVE NO EARTHLY IDEA WHO THIS MAN IS.

GASP

SUCH ELLLLLLE-GAAANCE!

ELE-GANCE!

IT'S THE FATHER'S SECOND MARRIAGE?

COULD IT BE A SHAM MARRIAGE FOR THE SAKE OF ADMISSIONS?

Forgive my crude phrasing...

I DON'T KNOW. WE SHALL HAVE TO FIND OUT...

A MOST INELEGANT SCORE!

THE DAUGHTER, ANYA, BARELY PASSED THE WRITTEN EXAM WITH A SCORE OF 31.

AND HER PENMAN-SHIP IS CRAP!

IDENTIFY THAT FAMILY!

THAT'S K-212, THE FORGER FAMILY.

APPLICANT A-12? THIS WAY TO ASSEMBLY HALL B.

G-114? YOU'RE IN ASSEMBLY HALL A.

LINE UP TO CONFIRM YOUR INTERVIEW APPOINT-MENTS!

...WHETHER THESE PEOPLE POSSESS TRUE ELEGANCE OR NOT.

BEING OBSERVED LIKE THIS IS SO STRESSFUL!

Sigh...

I HAVE A BOOGER I GOTTA PICK!

It's itchy!

ABSO-LUTELY NOT!

STAY FOCUSED.

WE'RE STILL BEING WATCHED.

HAVE THEY FINISHED THEIR SCREEN-ING ALREADY?

K-212, RIGHT?

PLEASE PROCEED THIS WAY TO ASSEMBLY HALL A.

SPLORCH

AAHHH! NOOO...

I'VE FALLEN INTO THE GUTTER AND I CAN'T GET OUT!

HOWEVER...

FWP FWP

NO ONE'S GOING TO HELP HIM. THEY MUST SENSE THE DANGER.

Keep your distance.

What the heck...?

COULD IT BE ANY MORE OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE BEING TESTED?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?! I'M IN TROUBLE NOW!

PAPA! MAMA!

THAT BOY IS IN TROUBLE! LET'S SAVE HIM!

IF IT'S A TEST, WE NEED TO PASS IT.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A ROPE OR SOME-THING?

AH HA HA! YOU DARE NOT SOIL YOUR CLOTHES WITH GUTTER WATER BEFORE THE INTERVIEW!

IT'S WORTH IT FOR THE EXTRA CREDIT. I NEED THAT EXTRA CREDIT!

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH

WHOA !

The water's filthy!

WAAAHHH! MY FEET ARE SLIPPING! I CAN'T GET UP!

Help me!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LAD?

I'D APPRE-CIATE THAT.

CAN WE BE OF AS-SISTANCE TOO?

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO ELEGANTLY RESOLVE—

SHA

FWIP

...

PLOP

ARE YOU OKAY?

GO AND SEE THE SCHOOL NURSE, JUST IN CASE.

HERE, USE MY HANKIE.

SPLAT SPLAT SPLAT

EJECT K-212 FROM THE PREMISES.

KLAK

I HOPE THEY DON'T EXPECT TO ENTER MY SCHOOL SPLATTERED WITH MUD!

THEY WERE JUST DIRTY PEASANTS AFTER ALL.

HMPH. WHAT A DISAPPOINT-MENT.

KSHHH

RUSTLE RUSTLE

UM...I'M REALLY SORRY, SIR...

AWWW... THEY'RE GONNA GET REJECTED BECAUSE OF ME!

YOU THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN?!

SPARKLE

OH, WE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN. IT'S A GOOD THING WE BROUGHT AN EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHES.

Ahh.

SPARKLE

WHO WOULD THINK SUCH A THING?!

OH... UH...

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A REASON TO CHANGE, YOUNG MAN.

INDEED, I'D HAVE FELT LIKE SOME SORT OF PEASANT INTERVIEWING IN THE OTHER ONE.

IN FACT, I THINK THE GRAY SUIT IS A BETTER FIT FOR THIS SCHOOL.

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SUCH REFINE-MENT! SUCH *ELEGAAA-AANCE!*

O

SUCH GRACE !

HH

AND THEY EVEN SPARE THE BOY'S FEELINGS?!

CLANG CLANG CLANG

EVERY-BODY, WATCH OUT!

GRR

UM, HOUSEMASTER... WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EVALUATING THE *CHILDREN*, YES?

YOU FOOL!

AREN'T YOU THE IMPUDENT ONE, LOID FORGER!

I WILL EXPOSE THEM AS THE HOI POLLOI THEY ARE!

A 31-POINT CHILD MUST HAVE 31-POINT PARENTS!

CHIL-DREN EMU-LATE THEIR PAR-ENTS!

THE ANIMALS HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE SCHOOL FARM!!!

DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP

THIS IS GOING TOO FAR, EDEN ACADEMY!

RUN FOR IT!

AGH! EEEK!

GAH!

BY JOVE ...

DMP DMP DMP

WE NEED TO HANDLE THESE ANIMALS WITH GRACE!

STAY IN FORMATION D, NO MATTER WHAT!

IF WE PANIC, WE'LL PLAY RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS!

ARE THEY TRYING TO SEE HOW WE'LL REACT IN AN EMERGENCY?

STOMP STOMP

SHUT UP!

HEY! DON'T PUSH ME!

MOMMY! MOMMY!

HURRY, YOU IDIOT!

OH NO. IS THIS...

WHAT?!

WAIT... IT WASN'T YOURS?

WHOSE INSANE IDEA WAS THIS?!

...AN ACTUAL CRISIS?!

PUT A STOP TO THIS BEFORE ANY OF THEM GET HURT!

THERE ARE LEGITIMATE V.I.P.'S AMONG THE APPLICANTS!

DMP DMP DMP DMP

F- FATHER, WAIT!!

SO WHAT?! I RUN THE CENTRAL BANK!

OUTTA MY WAY! I'M THE NUMBER 2 AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE!

WHAM

OOF!

THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!

EEEE

ARE YOU OKAY?

FWIP

IT MUST BE HER FEAR OF CROWDS ...

DIZZY

LOID! ANYA'S GETTING SICK AGAIN!

I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH THESE TESTS!

YOR?

WATCH ANYA FOR ME!

I HAVE MY GUN, BUT...

I NEED TO BRING IT DOWN!

THAT'S THE ONE LEADING THE STAMPEDE.

THAT ONE.

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MOOOOO!

HUFF

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TWITCH

TWITCH

THUD

I JUST THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE THE SAME FOR COWS...

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I TOOK YOGA CLASSES AND LEARNED THE PRESSURE POINTS RELATED TO MOVEMENT!

Huh ...?

...

Don't back away from me!

TUP TUP

Anya, no!

STAY AWAY FROM THAT!

IS THE COW SCARED?

!

KARK

SHUDDER

DON'T BE SCARED.

EVERY-THING WILL BE OKAY.

There, there.

MOOO.

SWAY SWAY

M-MOO.

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LURCH

WHOA.

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S...

SUCH
...

SIVER
SIVER

LUCKILY, NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT.

THE ANIMALS ARE GOING HOME.

SO IT SEEMS.

...GAAAAANNCE!!!

AAA AAA

ELLLEEE...

SWOOSH

!

FORG-ERRR!!!

H-HOUSE-MASTER?!

AAAAAA

WE'LL BE DELAYING THE INTERVIEWS UNTIL WE'RE ABLE TO GET THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

ONE OF THE DORMITORY HOUSE-MASTERS? WAS HE BEHIND ALL THESE TESTS?

HUFF HUFF

FOR TODAY, I ADMIT... YOU HAVE BESTED ME.

Y-YOU SAVED US. THANK YOU.

YOU'VE SHOWN YOURSELVES WORTHY TO CONTEND FOR A PLACE AT THIS SCHOOL.

GO GET YOURSELF CLEANED UP, THEN RETURN TO THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONSIDER-ATION.

HOW-EVER, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY.

KCIK

SO WE'VE SURVIVED THE FIRST CHALLENGE AFTER ALL...

SIR...

WE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, SO WE BROUGHT ANOTHER CHANGE OF CLOTHES.

SPARK LE

...OR SOMETHING FAR MORE TERRIFYING ?!

AAAA

IS THIS TRULY ELEGANCE...

AND SO, THE FORGER FAMILY MADE IT THROUGH TO THEIR ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW...

SPY×FAMILY